

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1011

By Crawford

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Dobyys-Bennett High School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class 4A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Dobyys-Bennett High School boys' basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class 4A state championship; and

WHEREAS, capturing the program's first state basketball championship since 1945, the Dobyys-Bennett Indians displayed a special kind of courage and tenacity during the state tournament as they defeated Bartlett High School in overtime on a jump shot at the buzzer by Malachi Hale to advance to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, facing fellow East Tennessee rival Bearden High School in the final game, the young men from Dobyys-Bennett rose to the occasion, thrilling their fellow students, fans, and families by winning in overtime yet again by a score of 69-60 to claim the title of state champions; and

WHEREAS, the Dobyys-Bennett Indians were led by Jack Browder, who was named tournament Most Valuable Player after finishing with 30 points and 13 rebounds and playing an overtime period that will forever be remembered by fans of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Dobyys-Bennett's superb victory may not have been possible without the stellar leadership of their head coach, Chris Poore, and his staff as well as the support of the entire administration and faculty of Dobyys-Bennett High School; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Dobyys-Bennett High School boys' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Dobyys-Bennett High School boys' basketball team on their championship season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Dobyys-Bennett High School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class 4A state championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.